

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Every year pilgrims stream to a great church near Mexico City. There, over the altar, is a simple tilma (a cloak) made from two pieces of cactus cloth. Though that kind of cloth seldom lasts 20 years, this tilma has survived intact for centuries.

In 1531, the tilma belonged to Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian. One December morning he was walking past an old shrine of the Aztec goddess of the corn harvest. There Juan saw a vision of Mary, the mother of God. She was dressed as an Aztec princess. She had olive skin and black hair like an Aztec. She was clothed in magnificent colors. Around her waist was a sash, which women wore when they were pregnant. Mary spoke to Juan with affection. She gave him a message for the local bishop. Mary wanted the bishop to build a church where she stood. She promised to grant help to all who would call on her there.

When Juan Diego delivered the message, the bishop didn't believe him. Mary provided Juan with a sign to take to the bishop. She guided Juan to a spot where wild roses were blooming. He was amazed to see roses in winter. Juan gathered an armful of the flowers into his cloak and hurried off to show them to the bishop. But when he opened his tilma in the bishop's house, an even more amazing sign had been provided. Somehow the image of Mary, just as she looked when she appeared to Juan, filled the tilma.

The Mother of God brought a bright message, one of hope and compassion. Her appearance was a rebuke to the Spanish (who had been brutal and greedy to the Aztecs) and a consolation to the poor. She brought new dignity to the Aztec people, especially to the women. In the seven years following her appearances, eight million Aztecs were baptized.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Wednesday, December 17th**, Restaurant Night at *Ruby's* (Carlsbad Outlets), 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Thursday, December 18th**, Holy Childhood Association, Sr. Eva visits OMMS
- **Friday, December 19th**, 11:00 am all school Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal, **NO PM EXTENDED CHILD CARE**
- **Monday, December 22nd through January 4th** Christmas Vacation
- **Monday, January 5th**, students return to school



WE NEED YOUR HELP ... a number of our food and gift baskets are bare

“Adopted Families” for Christmas

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of our OMMS family who have helped bring joy to our “adopted families.” Through your generosity and kindness, our students are able to witness and be a part of the true meaning of this holy season. Your donations of food and gifts will be delivered to our “adopted families” this Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. May the Christ Child bless all of you, now and throughout the New Year.



Congratulations to One of Our Own...SISA MATEO

Congratulations to Sisa Mateo, an Old Mission Montessori alumnus, who was accepted into Brown University this week. In addition to this, Sisa received a National Merit Award earlier this year, which encompasses the top 1% of students throughout the nation. Well done, Sisa!! We are very proud of you.



How would you respond if you were asked...

“What are you thankful for this Christmas?”..... here are some excerpts from our students, your children.....

- * I'm thankful for my Legos and friends....
- * I'm thankful for my Mom and Dad....
- * I'm thankful for my horse...
- * I'm thankful for my Dad because he tickles me
- * I'm thankful for Sunday family circle...
- * I'm blessed to have a wonderful family...

- * I'm thankful for being able to see my cousins and grandparents...
- * I'm glad to have a home to sleep in...
- * I'm thankful for my food...
- * I'm thankful for my school and teachers...
- * I'm thankful for all my family celebrates Christmas together....
- * I'm thankful for everything....I'm just grateful...
- * I'm thankful I'm alive....
- * I'm thankful for God....
- * I'm thankful for the holidays (Jesus) and thank you for everything you've given us...
- * (Jesus) Thank you for letting me have a family....
- *Please enjoy the following letter and prayer...

"This Christmas I'm grateful for my family, friends, for nature, pets, siblings and for God and all of his creations.

Dear God,
Please bless all of the less fortunate, they might not even celebrate Christmas or even smile this year. Also, Lord, please bless the families of the Armed Forces that cannot be together.

Amen

I'm very blessed to be a child of God. I'm also thankful for the food on my table, for having a family that loves and protects me."

"This Christmas I am thankful for my mom and my dad. I'm also thankful for my friends and family. I'm grateful that we have a house and for my family's car. I'm blessed that I'm able to go to school and get a good education. I'm thankful for my teachers and the students for helping me when I feel sad. I am thankful that every day when I come home from school there is a hot plate of food on the table. I'm also thankful for the military that goes out there and fights for us so we can have freedom every- day in America."

Now

W h a t a r e y o u
t h a n k f u l f o r t h i s
C h r i s t m a s ?

All of us at OMMS are thankful to you for sharing your children with all of us. They truly bring their gift of spirit and life to all of us!

*Have a Blessed Christmas
and we will see you
in 2009 for a joyous New Year!*

PTG AT WORK FOR OUR SCHOOL



Restaurant Night

Come together with friends and family at Ruby's Diner at the Carlsbad Outlets Mall next Wednesday night,

December 17th, between the hours of 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Don't forget to present the attached flyer to help our school receive credit. Ruby's will donate 20% of all sales to our school.



Buick Invitational Golf Tickets are Available in the School Office

Are you looking for a unique gift or an item for a "stocking stuffer"? Please stop by the school office and pick up your Buick Invitational Golf Tickets. **We are asking each family to purchase or sell two (2) tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament** scheduled for **February 2 - 8, 2009**. For only \$15, you can purchase a ticket to attend one of the most well known golf tournaments on the PGA Tour - The Buick Invitational. The ticket is good for a one-day entry into the tournament **ANY DAY** during the week-long event. This is a significant reduction from the weekend ticket price of \$30 at the gate.

Through the Chip in for Charity Program our school will receive 100% of the sale of these tickets. These tickets make great gifts for family, friends, co-workers, and business associates. The tickets are available in the school office. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

OMMS After School Sports

VOLLEYBALL - Congratulations to the girls' junior volleyball teams. They played an outstanding season. Our 6th grade team achieved 4th place out of 13 teams and our 4th/5th grade teams achieved 10th place out of 13 teams. That is outstanding!

We would also like to thank Chloe Entwistle, Manou Allison, Mia Dreher, and Amy Fatseas for all of their hard work and dedication to coaching these girls.

GOLF - Our school will be offering golf. Please look in your Tuesday packet when we return from Christmas vacation for all of the information.



Prayer Corner

Please keep the following members of our school family in your prayers:

- ~ Justin Mitchell and Family
- ~ The Harb Family
- ~ Ms. Jill's husband
- ~ The Koliwer Family
- ~ Bobby Ferris
- ~ Mrs. Yolanda Rocha and her family
- ~ T. Ann Snaer and family
- ~ Ms. Amie Ballard
- ~ The McWayne Family
- ~ Mrs. King's father, Joseph Shelton
- ~ All those who are alone and in need of our prayers.
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces and their families